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1. Mission track with "Go-No-Go" weather. Basic mission data and special equipment on reverse side of map.
2. Signature blocks as appropriate. (On reverse side of map.)
3. Map with known SAM's, MIG-21 bases plotted, and current fighter AOB.
4. Vulnerability estimate for current mission.
5. Authority for mission (COMOR/USIB/303 Committee).
6. Cable to NPIC and reply [REDACTED] - 25X1A
SAM System search - Attachments 1 and 2).
7. [REDACTED] message and [REDACTED] (Attachments 3 and 4). 25X6
8. [REDACTED] (Attachment 5). 25X1A
9. JRC coordination (Parts I and II - Mission Plan - Attachment 7).
10. [REDACTED] (Mission Intelligence Data - Attachment 8). 25X1A

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MISSION PROPOSAL

NUMBER	<u>C355C</u>	
LAUNCH DATE/TIME	<u>02/0040Z</u>	
TOTAL DISTANCE	<u>2526NM</u>	
TOTAL TIME/DENIED TERRITORY TIME	<u>6+26/1+18</u>	
PENETRATION ALTITUDE	<u>69M</u>	
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	25X1A
FUEL RESERVE	<u>160 Gal</u>	
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	<u>Systems 3, 6, 9B, 12B,</u> <u>13A, "B" Configuration</u> <u>and Oscar Sierra</u>	

APPROVALS:

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By phone. JES.

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DCI

REQUIREMENT: STATED IN COMOR 25/142 OF FEB 1965.

APPROVED BY USIB 3 MARCH 1965.

REQUIREMENT FOR IMMEDIATE COVERAGE OF
28 TARGETS IN SOUTH CHINA AND SUBSEQUENTLY
OBTAIN WEEKLY COVERAGE OF A REPRESENTATIVE
ONE QUARTER OF THESE TARGETS. IN ADDITION,
USIB ON 12 MAY APPROVED URGENT COVERAGE OF
PING HSIANG AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGET
IN SOUTH CHINA (COMOR D-25/164).

APPROVAL: 303 COMMITTEE APPROVED NRO FORECAST FOR
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~~JUNE~~ 1965.

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VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE FOR MISSION C355C

CONCLUSION:

There are no known surface-to-air missile defenses in South China and North Vietnam capable of interfering with Mission C355C. The risk of a successful U-2 intercept by a MIG-21 on this mission is less than 18%.

GENERAL:

X1 The MIG-15, 17, and 19 do not present a threat to the U-2 [redacted]. Of these three fighter types, none can cruise supersonic. The MIG-19 can exceed Mach 1, perform a dynamic climb to approximately 62,000 feet and cruise subsonic, steady state at 59,000 plus or minus 1000 feet. The MIG-19 does not have sufficient power to perform an effective ZOOM maneuver.

X1 The MIG-21 has a capability of intercepting the U-2 at [redacted] performing a ZOOM maneuver and launching an AA-2 Sidewinder type IR missile.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE FOR SOUTH CHINA:

25X1 There are five airfields in this area pertinent to Mission C355C. They are Haikou, Suichi, Nanning, Lingshui, Phuc Yen and MIG-21's have been noted in photography or [redacted] as having been at Nanning and Suichi. MIG-19's are located at Haikou, Suichi, Nanning and Lingshui.

X1 Based on the latest photography [redacted], we estimate approximately 6 MIG-21's to be based at the airfields mentioned earlier. Of this number we estimate five MIG-21 to be on strip alert and within range of Mission C355C. If this assumption is correct, then the estimated risk of a successful MIG-21 intercept against the U-2 at [redacted] This figure is correct only if the whole intercept system, [redacted] is perfect throughout the intercept attempt. Red Chinese fighters have penetrated international waters in the past and we must assume they will continue to intercept reconnaissance flights in the future. 25X1

A request for a SAM search thirty nautical miles either side of planned track has been levied on NPIC. The results were negative and copies of the request and results may be found elsewhere in this report.

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 FROM: DIRECTOR

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A. SOUTH CHINA

B. C355C

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D. THIS MSN PLANNED AGAINST TARGETS TO SATISFY MONTHLY
 REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERAGE OF SOUTH CHINA.

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F. (1) MIG-21 ACFT AOB AT SUICHI, NANNING, LEIYANG, KUNMING
 AND MENGIZU.

MIG-19 ACFT AOB AT HAIKOU, SUICHI, CANTON/NANHAI,
 LEIYANG, NANNING AND KUNMING.

(2) SA-2 SITES AT SUICHI 2123N - 11012E, HANGI 2047N -
 10554E, 2051N - 10545E, 2056N - 10604E, 2104N - 10541E.

G. TARGETS OF INTEREST ARE:

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CITE

PORT WALLUT PORT FACILITIES	2112N	10735E
LANG SON COMPLEX	2151	10646
DONG DAN COMPLEX	2156	10642
PING HSIANG COMPLEX	2206	10645
PING HSIANG ORD. DEPOT	2205	10645
NING MING AIRFIELD U/C	2207	10707
NING MING TRANSSHIPMENT POINT	2208	10704
MON CAY COMPLEX	2132	10759
LUNG MEN NAVAL STATION	2145	10834
PREI HAI NAVAL STATION	2129	10906
HAI KOU AIRFIELD	2001	11021
SHU CHANG SUPPLY DEPOT	2001	11018
HAI KOU NAVAL BASE	2002	11016
CHING LAN NAVAL BASE	1932	11049

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